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United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

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Sincerely,

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C. P. Cabell
General, USAF
Acting Director

Enclosure

Letter to Senator Symington
from Mr. Leo C. Koenig

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